

# e-Bugle

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## Calendar

Fri., June 19	Film Society, Town Hall, 8 pm: <i>Tonari no Totoru</i>	Sat., Aug. 1	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm
Wed., June 24	Citizens Assoc. Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Aug. 6	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8
Thurs., June 25	Games and Tea, Town Hall, 1:30–4 pm (see p 4); Land Use Task Force, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., Aug. 10	No Town Council Meeting
Sat., June 27	Progressive Dinner, Town Hall, 5 pm (reservations required)	Thurs., Aug. 20	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8
Sun., June 28	Grosvenor Market Day, Pool, 12–2 pm; Garden Tour, 1–5 pm	Sat., Aug. 22	Annual family crab feast at pool
Thurs., July 2	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8	Thurs., Aug. 27	Games and Tea, Town Hall, 1:30–4 pm (see p 4)
Fri., July 3	Farmer's Market, Penn Place (instead of July 4)	Fri., Aug. 28	Garrett Park Elementary open house for students/parents to meet teachers, 2–3 pm
Sat., July 4	4th of July activities (p 3, poster)	Mon., Aug. 31	Start of public school year
Fri., July 10	Film Society, Town Hall, 8 pm: <i>The Band's Visit</i> or <i>Caramel</i>	Thurs., Sept. 3	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8
Sat., July 11	Large item pickup; GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm; Adult party at pool, 7 pm	Sat., Sept. 5	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am–1 pm
Mon., July 13	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sun., Sept. 6	Pool closes, 2 pm; dog swim, 7 pm
Thurs., July 16	Swimming Pool Assoc. Mtg., Pool, 8 pm; Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., Sept. 7	Labor Day—no trash pickup
Wed., July 22	Citizens Assoc Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Tues., Sept. 8	Lunch Bunch begins again, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Thurs., July 23	Games and Tea, Town Hall, 1:30–4 pm (see p 4); Land Use Task Force, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Sept. 12	Film Society, Town Hall, 8 pm: <i>Never Cry Wolf</i>
Thurs., July 30	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8	Thurs., Sept. 17	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8
		Sun., Sept. 20	Newcomers Welcome, Town Hall, 3–5 pm
		Wed., Sept. 23	Citizens Assoc. Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
		Thurs., Sept. 24	Games and Tea, Town Hall, 1:30–4 pm; Land Use Task Force Mtg., Town Hall, 8 pm

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# Council Hears from Residents

The June Council meeting was dominated by issues in the category titled "Presentations by Residents," as follows:

*Land Use Task Force (LUTF).* Task Force Chairman Gene Brantly summarized the activities of the LUTF. He reported that meetings have been collegial. Four committees have been formed: (1) research, (2) technical standards, (3) communication, and (4) process. To date, most of the work has been in the research committee. The LUTF intends to complete its work by year's end, leaving it to the town to consider its conclusions/recommendations in the early months of 2010. Councilmember Schulp indicated that he intends to withdraw from the LUTF because of his election to the Council, and he had a specific recommendation regarding a replacement. Mr. Brantly responded that after the LUTF was appointed, several town residents indicated that they would like to become members; he noted that the LUTF has already begun its work, and the membership issue will need to be considered further.

*Garrett Park Elementary School Education Foundation.* Barbara Ferry discussed progress in raising funds to provide for a larger stage than planned in the rebuilding design for Garrett Park Elementary School. The construction cost of the expanded stage is likely to be about \$100,000. With Nancy Floreen's assistance, the county provided \$50,000, contingent upon the Foundation raising an equal match (\$50,000). The Foundation already has significant donations and pledges (including \$5,000 from the town), but more needs to be raised. The full \$50,000 match will be needed by no later than May 2010 in order to trigger the release of the county grant funds. Mayor Keller suggested that the Foundation approach the Town Council later in the 2010 fiscal year if additional town funds are needed.


*Garrett Park Nursery School.* Tara Flynn addressed the future of the Garrett Park Nursery School. The Montgomery County Parks Department has indicated to Mayor Keller that it will consider deeding the existing nursery school building (the Community Center next to Garrett Park Elementary School) to the town without a "quid pro quo" of Garrett Park land being

donated to the county (e.g., the land adjacent to Penn Place, including the basketball court, had been previously discussed). The town and Nursery School are awaiting written notification from Park and Planning of its intentions. After that, the next step would be for the Council and Nursery School to discuss potential lease arrangements. Tara reports that an estimated \$180,000 will be needed to repair the facility comprehensively, although the repairs could be staged over time, if necessary. The school is hoping to raise the funds as follows: \$100,000 in a grant from the state (Luiz Simmons and Jennie Forehand will sponsor this), \$40,000 from Nursery School reserves, and \$40,000 from in-kind donations and financing from donors. In short, no town resources are currently contemplated. The school has recently submitted a business plan to the Town Council.

*White Flint Plans.* Liz King reported on recent events pertaining to White Flint Sector Plan developments as they relate to our schools. While the ramifications are too complicated to summarize here, the Council agreed to send a letter to the County Council and County Executive Ike Leggett indicating the town's concerns. Among the points to be made are that (1) the White Flint Sector Plan should support Walter Johnson High School, including an enrollment fewer than 2,400 students, (2) the county should approve a plan in which land is reserved for an elementary school within the sector, and (3) the county should approve a plan that enables the Walter Johnson cluster to remain intact (including Garrett Park children). Councilmember Mandel will draft a letter for consideration of the Council.

Because of the length of the discussions on the above topics, the remainder of the Council meeting was abbreviated. Of note are the following: (1) a Council work session is scheduled for June 22 to discuss Council assignments and communications and (2) residents (Millie Mader, Jeremy Lichtenstein, and a donor who wishes to be anonymous) have donated benches along Strathmore Avenue for the benefit of walkers and those awaiting bus transportation.

Ken Schwartz



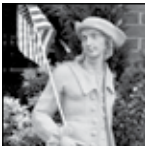

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# Citizens Association News

On May 27, the Citizens Association hosted a meeting to update residents on various aspects of the White Flint development project. Natalie Goldberg from Garrett Park Estates gave an update on the concerns and comments of the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (the group of neighborhoods in and around the White Flint sector). She emphasized the need for an independent traffic study to assess the increased traffic we can expect from this project. Liz King, a Garrett Park resident, led a discussion about the potential impact of the development project on our school system and specifically mentioned the possible redrawing of school boundary lines. Finally, Randy Auerbach from Garrett Park shared his thoughts and provided the following Web sites that residents can look to for more information on the development project:

- The White Flint Sector Plan Advisory Group's final report:  
[www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/whiteflint/documents/AdvisoryGroup9-23MtgReportfinal.pdf](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/whiteflint/documents/AdvisoryGroup9-23MtgReportfinal.pdf)
- The Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission site:  
[www.WhiteFlintPlanning.org](http://www.WhiteFlintPlanning.org)
- The White Flint Partnership's site:  
[www.whiteflintpartnership.com](http://www.whiteflintpartnership.com)  
This group represents the developers.
- The Friends of White Flint site:  
[www.friendsofwhiteflint.org](http://www.friendsofwhiteflint.org)  
Members represent residential communities, business interests, and developers.

## Upcoming Events

*July 4 Activities:* Thank you to everyone who submitted suggestions for the theme for Garrett Park's 2009 July 4 parade. The theme selected is *Birds of a Feather*,

The schedule of the day's events is as follows:

- 7:30 am Fun Run registration at Penn Place parking lot (all ages)
- 8:00 am 2-mile Fun Run/Walk begins
- 9:45 am Register for Parade at Garrett Park Elementary School
- 10:30 am Parade steps off

After the parade there will be a ceremony to give awards to parade participants. Garrett Park's own "Border State" will play original music and country rock hits, and the Citizens Association will offer hot dogs and burgers for sale for \$2 each and sodas for \$1.

In the afternoon, the festivities continue with the following:

- 1-4 pm Games at Garrett Park Pool
- 3 pm 18th Annual Softball Game at GPES (Garrett Park vs. Garrett Park Estates)

These events require a lot of work to pull off. The Citizens Association is looking for volunteers to help. How about being a parade judge or helping to sell hot dogs and hamburgers after the parade? Please e-mail Leslie Bethke-Pope at [lbethke02@yahoo.com](mailto:lbethke02@yahoo.com) if you are available.

*Newcomers Reception.* The tentative date for the annual Newcomers Reception is Sunday, September 27. We extend a warm invitation to families who have moved into town over the past year. Come meet your new neighbors and find out about everything that's going on in town. "Old timers" are encouraged to join us and share information about Garrett Park. Light refreshments will be provided.

*Garrett Park Listserv.* To join this electronic forum, which allows neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at [groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join).

*Questions or comments for the Citizens Association?* If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Chris Strong at [Chris.s.strong@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.s.strong@gmail.com).

## Pooch Parade Report

The Citizens Association held the Third Annual Pooch Parade and Contest on June 6. Eighteen dogs showed off and competed for the awards shown in the table below. Following the contest, the pooches paraded around the neighborhood and then returned for their prizes. Many thanks to Girl Scout Troop 4239, many members of which were on hand to help set and clean up, judge the dogs, and lead the parade. They also collected donations for the Montgomery County Humane Society in the amount of \$61.10. Congratulations to all the participants who made this a fun event. The winners were as follows:

Award	Dog (owner)	
	1st Place	2nd Place
Best Tail	Taku (Beth)	Teddi (Blaney)
Best Coat	Baxter (Josh & Julia)	Nico (Jane)
Best Ears	Oreo (Hannah)	Spencer (Doreen)
Best Coloring	Pepper (Wendy)	Daisy (Jeremy)
Best Trick	Nina (Rob Keller)	Alex (Anne)
Best in Show	Pepper (Wendy)	Taku (Beth)

Also thanks to Teo owned by Elijah, Wee owned by Jennifer and Lisa, Carmel owned by Elizabeth, Lady owned by Nancy, KC owned by Chopper, Smokey owned by the Meltons, Sandy owned by the Maders, and Chief owned by Mimi, who all participated.

**Remember your loved ones with a fine oil or pastel portrait by Robert LeMar.**

For an example of Robert's work, please see a photo of his portrait of the President on the GP bulletin board.

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# Backyard Archeology

Is there an ancient City of Gold under your backyard? A previously unknown Civil War encampment? A Native American burial ground? Or a treasure trove of antique bottles, china, household fixtures, or toys? You'll never find out unless you look for them. While gardening or digging in their yards, one Garrett Park homeowner discovered a Civil War sword, another found an old cannonball, another found antique toys, and another found a 1941 bottle. Given the town's 111-year history, that is not surprising.

In view of all that, a few of us have decided to form an archeological group to systematize the collection, identification, and display of archeological artifacts. If you are interested, please join us. We have already contacted the county park and planning's archeological section and the Archeological Society of Maryland local chapter, and we are confident that they will be able to provide advice and help.

Archeology is a fun, rewarding, and educational family or individual pastime, and one that you and your family can explore while doing your normal gardening and landscaping chores. The result is a greater understanding of the history of Garrett Park and the land it occupies. Who knows? We may make county historical news. For more information, please contact Marian Green or Charlie Snyder.

## Garrett Park Archives

Garrett Park, population less than 1,000, area slightly more than 150 acres, possesses a rich archival collection. In other towns, archives were burned, flooded, or eaten by varmints. Our collection has survived all these disasters despite being stored on back porches and in closets and basements. Now the archives needs help. If you are interested in history, official records, photos, or old gossip, call Barbara Shidler at 301-933-7488 (office) to find out how you can help.

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# GPES

The year is over! Awards have been given out, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have had their field trip to Mount Vernon, their pool party, and their graduation ceremony at Tilden Middle School. On the last day they and other students who were known not to be returning next year were "clapped out" of the building at dismissal time by all the other students, staff, some parents, and former students.

The school office will be open during the summer from 9 am to 1 pm, but call the school first (301-929-2170) before you come to make sure the staff is available. If someone new moves into town and has school-age children, please send them to the school to register, as this will help determine how many teaching positions we can have for each grade level. Mrs. Berry (1<sup>st</sup> grade) will not be returning so that she can stay home with her soon to be born baby.

Mary Moyer

## GIVES Update

Since there will be no *Bugle* over the summer, this is a notice that GIVES will be collecting at the P.O. on Saturday, July 11 (rather than July 4), and again on August 1 and September 5, each time from 9 to 1. Between January and June, 2009, contributions have been down compared with other years, except for February, which was really good. So please think about dropping some much-needed money in our soup pot when you come to pick up your mail. You can also mail a check to Glenda Ingham, Box 84. Any amount will be appreciated. Also remember to save small toiletries and cosmetics to drop in the container provided. Thanks to all for helping to feed and support the homeless and those less fortunate than we are. Have a safe and happy summer.

Glenda Ingham and Karen Anderson

## Summer Games & Tea (Iced)

Remember to come to the Town Hall for games and refreshments on these summer Thursdays from 1:30 to 4 pm:

June 25 • July 23 • August 27 • September 24

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Elizabeth Henley



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## Margaret Blanche Dove

Margaret Blanche Dove died on Sunday, May 24, 2009. The Dove home is directly opposite Penn Place and served briefly as the post office; at times in the 1980's, Margaret and her late husband Elbert locked up Penn Place in the evenings. She is survived by sons Elbert Matthew Jr., John Charles, and Patrick Paul Dove, and sisters Helen Ricketts and Earl Dove, as well as 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Church.

## William Prinz

William Prinz, 80, former Mayor of Garrett Park, passed away at Cape Cod Hospital on May 23. Born in Dayton, Ohio, he married Barbara Robb on March 2, 1952. He spent his professional career as a geologist with the United States Geological Survey, retiring in 1984 as Associate Chief Geologist. He worked primarily in the Washington, D.C., area as well as extensively in Saudi Arabia and Colombia. Bill was Mayor of Garrett Park from 1986 to 1990. The Prinz family moved to Cape Cod in 1991. Bill is survived by his two daughters, Susan P. Murphy of East Lansing, Michigan, and Kathryn P. Schwartz of Morristown, New Jersey, and three granddaughters.

## Jane Miller Ross

Former resident Jane Ross died in her sleep on January 17, 2008, in a nursing home in Towson, at the age of 84. Born in 1923 in Utica, New York, Jane moved to Garrett Park in 1956 with her husband, Dr. Ronald Burns Ross, whom she met when they both worked at the Dupont Company in Buffalo. The newlyweds came to Bethesda when Burns was hired as a research chemist by NIH, and they moved to 11111 Kenilworth after the birth of their first child, David.

Garrett Parkers may remember Jane as the librarian in the Garrett Park Library (later the community center) and at the Kensington Library. She was also well known as a church organist, making her debut at a recital in the National Cathedral in 1956. The Rosses were members of the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church for many years.

In 1964, they moved to 11300 Kenilworth, where they lived until 1980. Shortly after Dr. Ross retired, the Rosses moved to Braddock Heights. After her husband died in 2005, Jane moved to Towson to be near her daughter. She is survived by her son David and his wife, Georgia Schubilske, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and a daughter, Barbara Ann Ross, of Lutherville, Maryland.

## Congratulations to Graduates

### High School

Leah Abrams: Walter Johnson, top 5 percent of the class, Maryland Distinguished Scholar; will attend Emory University

Caroline Brunschwyler: Walter Johnson

Alec Cooper: Sidwell Friends, National Merit Scholar; will attend Middlebury College, Vermont

Ian Gordon: Emerson Prep. Institute of Washington, D.C.; will attend Montgomery College

Laura Max: Walter Johnson, Maryland Distinguished Scholar; will attend Bates College, Maine

Rachael Max: Sidwell Friends; will attend Kenyon College, Ohio

Robert Reinstra: Walter Johnson; will attend University of South Carolina

Gabe Schwartzman: Walter Johnson, National Merit Commended Student, Maryland State Distinguished Scholar; will attend University of California at Berkeley

Julia Simenauer: Walter Johnson, National Merit Commended Scholar, Maryland State Distinguished Scholar; will attend Duke University

Henry Tollefson: Walter Johnson, Excellence in Music Award (French Horn); will attend University of North Carolina to study math

### College

Matthew Cassasa, Associate's degree, Montgomery College; will attend American University

Guor Kiir: BS in international studies, with a minor in economics, Washington College; looking for a job in the Sudan in the private sector

Ian Gifford: PhD in bioengineering, the University of Maryland Clark School of Engineering; currently

working at the Uniformed Services University of Health Services at the National Navy Medical Center as a senior nuclear engineer

Zac Gunnison: BS in international affairs, minor in geography and economics, University of Colorado; going to Costa Rica this summer for an immersion course in Spanish, and then maybe to grad school

Alexis Landsman: MS in speech and language therapy, Howard University; wants to work in long-term care

Taunton Paine: BA in history *cum laude*, American University

Amy Salomon: JD, Georgetown University Law School; going to work for a D.C. law firm

Molly Ruttkay: BS in early childhood education, College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina; hoping to work for MCPS in the fall

## Musicale a Big Success!

Thank you for your support. Your generous donations totaling \$796, collected at Penn Place and at the door, will make it possible to support a budding musician at Garrett Park Elementary School for another year. Young and old gathered at the Town Hall on May 17 and had a wonderful time singing, playing instruments, and listening to Garrett Park's not-so-hidden talents. Our dear neighbor, the late Ilah Gieser, sowed the seed of this town tradition in 1996. This year, we had her grandson Alex, whose daughter Ilah was named after her great-grandmother, come from Pennsylvania to be with us at the Town Hall. We hope little Ilah will join us some day!

Meme Lincoln

## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ The PO would like to remind you that the rate for sending a first class letter went up to 44¢ and the postcard rate is now 28¢. Remember that if you don't pay your PO box rental fee on time, your box will be put up for rent over the Internet! If you want your mail to be held for more than 30 days this summer, you must submit a forwarding order.
- ♪ Garrett Park Elementary is gearing up to have a reunion in November 2009 of anyone who graduated from the school before 1998; it is tentatively scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Invitations will be sent out to those ex-students who still have relatives in Garrett Park or the Estates. Don't be surprised when those invitations arrive and please send them on. If you went to GPES in your youth, please let Mary Moyer know.
- ♪ Another name to add to the yard-work list: Peter Juma Abass, who is 29, has worked for several families here, and is willing to help others in the evenings or on weekends. To see his phone numbers, see the print edition..
- ♪ Did you see the article in the *Gazette* about Gabe Mandel? He is heading to New York City in July for a cheese internship at Murray's Cheese, a high-end Greenwich Village boutique. He will be breathing, eating, and making cheeses for three weeks, just in time to put his knowledge to good use for the Newcomers Welcome in September.
- ♪ In the same *Gazette* issue, there was an article about Robert LeMar and his painted visions of I-270 and other traffic vistas. To look at some of his traffic paintings, visit [www.rleamar.com](http://www.rleamar.com).
- ♪ Henry Tollefson, who graduated this year, is a passionate and versatile musician who plays the horn, trumpet, alto/tenor sax, clarinet, guitar, and piano. Although this has been a major part of his life so far, he is not sure he will continue to perform at college. Right now he is continuing to work as the assistant coach of the Garrett Park Swim Team, and since he earned his pool operator's license last year, he

will continue to assist with pool management and technical operations as well. As mom Marcia says, "Our household is getting quieter each year—Ross and Henry at college, another will go next year, and then our youngest! GP has been a wonderful place to raise our kids—it truly takes a village."

- ♪ If you're at the Rockville Library this summer, take a look at the showcase by the children's area. Lego structures made by Philip Moyer and some of his friends are on display, matched up with books for children. A Brick-Fair Lego Fan Festival will be held on August 22 and 23 in Tyson's Corner, where you can see some fantastic presentations.
- ♪ Have you noticed the new benches on the bus routes along Strathmore? Jeremy Lichtenstein donated money for a bench at the Keswick corner in honor of Sylvia and Irv Lichtenstein. Millie Mader donated one at Montrose, and two others are at Kenilworth in honor of Garrett Park Elementary School, established in 1893, and the *Garrett Bugle*, established in 1953.

## Green Again

Felice and Warren Kornberg sent us money last year to cover the cost of this month's green banner. We thank them for helping.

We have received enough money to keep us going through March 2010. You can join the "greening" for \$39, which helps with the printing costs. Mail a check made out to the GP Citizens Association to Box 98.

It is time for the staff to take a well-earned break. Editor Barbara Collier, proofreaders Carol Ballentine and Jonathan Paul, mailer-in-chief Peggy Pratt (and her many helping hands at folding time), Jane Salomon (who handles subscriptions and tries to keep the mailing lists up to date), and I (who seem to be always asking for money—for ads and greening) all wish you a happy and safe summer and will get in touch with you again in September.

Mary Moyer

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## Letter from the Mayor

"Sense of community" is what you often hear when residents talk about the qualities that please them most about Garrett Park. "Community" is many things, including intangibles like neighborliness and tolerance. More tangible ways that we build community include neighborhood events; Garrett Park is rich in such events. Just look at the month of June: an art exhibit at Penn Place of photos by new resident Vicky Baily; another photo exhibit honoring the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of long-time resident Anne Atlee; the "Pooch Parade"; a family movie from the GP Film Society, the Progressive Dinner, and a Garden Tour. Coming up in July will be the always-delightful Garrett Park Fourth of July celebration, including the Fun Run, parade, festivities at Penn Place, and amusements at the swimming pool...plus the 18<sup>th</sup> annual softball game, with participation by players from Garrett Park and Garrett Park Estates.

That reminds us that the town is also part of the larger community. Not just the perennially "18<sup>th</sup> annual" softball game, but many other aspects of the town of Garrett Park are intertwined with Garrett Park Estates. Estates residents were prime supporters of Garrett Park's efforts to establish the first community swimming pool in Montgomery County; the creation of the Nursery School had the joint support of citizens associations of both the town and the Estates. There are many other examples, and they all lead to the conclusion that recent cooperative efforts on the White Flint Sector Plan are part of a larger pattern of teamwork between the town and the Estates. I am pleased that the Garrett Park Citizens Association has chosen to be an active participant in the White Flint Community Coalition, a group of citizens associations spearheaded by the Garrett Park Estates Citizens Association. Councilmembers Wegner, Mandel, and I have attended various meetings in connection with the White Flint Sector Plan, which is currently being developed by the Montgomery County Planning Board for anticipated transmission to the County Council this summer. Those of us who have attended meetings of the Coalition have been particularly struck by the affirmative, well-thought-out approach that the Coalition is pursuing.

Although the town of Garrett Park is technically beyond the boundaries of the Sector Plan, there is no question that development at White Flint will have impacts on the town, most notably in traffic volume on Strathmore Avenue. The build-out of the White Flint sector will take place over decades; cur-

rent plans make gestures toward adequate internal traffic treatment, public transit, and recognition of pedestrian needs. However, realistic assessment and management of what happens to traffic beyond the boundaries of the sector are patently lacking. Given that Strathmore is one of the few east/west traffic options (and the nearest), development at White Flint will have immediate impact on traffic in our town and will increase as development proceeds. Long term, development will have potential impact on schools and MARC service, as well. There will be even greater effects on our neighbors in Garrett Park Estates and White Flint Park. That's why it is important to work cooperatively with our neighbors to amplify the effectiveness of resident comment at the County Council as it considers the Sector Plan. Development at White Flint will happen. The question is whether it will happen in the context of an overall plan that imposes reasonable guidelines that reflect community needs and values. The Coalition has expended great effort on research and has given careful thought to formulating a position that eschews reflexive NIMBY opposition and instead focuses on affirmative efforts to mitigate the impact of development on the community as a whole. And that's another reason why I am pleased that the Garrett Park Citizens Association is working with the Coalition: it is important that we support our neighbors to sustain the larger sense of community solidarity and comity. It benefits us all.

The town as corporate municipality has registered its views on elements of the Sector Plan. The town will continue that effort—particularly with respect to added traffic burdens—as the plan is considered by the County Council. But participation by the town government and the Citizens Association is not an "either/or" proposition. It is important that *both* entities pursue avenues in expressing views. I am convinced that combining the voices of the town government and the Citizens Association working with the Community Coalition will have a stronger chance of having an effect on the County Council's decisions.

In closing, let me retreat from the near-philosophical discussion of the benefits of inter-community cooperation and more prosaically wish you a relaxing and pleasant summer. As you travel, please drive carefully...and if in your travels you observe particular examples of other towns' efforts at community-building, please don't hesitate to pass them along to us; we're always open to new ideas!

Chris Keller

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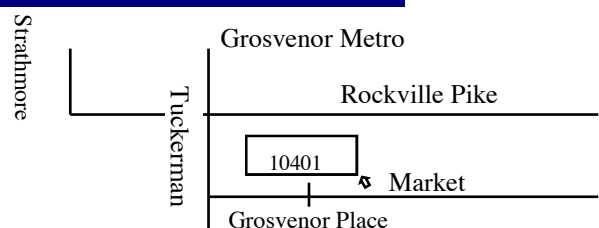


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7<sup>30</sup> - 8<sup>00</sup> A.M. Fun Run/Walk - Registration  
(All Ages) at Penn Place  
Parking Lot

8<sup>00</sup> A.M. Fun Run/Walk Begins

9<sup>45</sup> A.M. Register for parade at Garrett Park  
Elementary

10<sup>30</sup> A.M. Parade steps off. Awards after parade

Cookout after at Penn Place

1<sup>00</sup> - 4<sup>00</sup> P.M. Games @ Garrett Park Pool

3<sup>00</sup> P.M. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Game - G.P.E.S.

Rain date 5 JULY - PARADE AND COOKOUT ONLY